

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A cover for a plunger comprising:
a layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a film soluble in water; the layer of film and the layer of paper material being shaped to substantially enclose a plunger and to maintain integrity during use of the plunger and to breakdown in water so that it is flushable after use.
2. The cover of claim 1 wherein the layer of the paper material and the layer of film are joined together by one or more of heat, pressure, or adhesive.
3. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a single layer of paper material joined to a single layer of film.
4. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a single layer of paper material sandwiched between two layers of film.
5. The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is a polyvinyl alcohol.
6. The cover of claim 1 wherein the dissolution rate in water of the film is less than 2 minutes.
7. The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is transparent.
8. The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is coated with an ink.
9. The cover of claim 8 wherein the ink is a non-aqueous ink.
10. The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is coated with a latex material.

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11. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has a concave bottom that substantially conforms to a concave plunger cup.

12. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover is tubular with an open top end for receiving a plunger.

13. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has an open top end and a resealable seam along an axis substantially perpendicular to the open top end.

14. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has a grip area comprising at least one layer of a film soluble in water.

15. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has an open top end and a tab extending above the open end.

16. The cover of claim 15 wherein the tab comprises at least one layer of a film soluble in cold water.

17. The cover of claim 15 wherein the tab is in the shape of one of a semi-circle, square, triangle, and rectangle.

18. The cover of claim 15 wherein the tab comprises a handle.

19. The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover is infused with at least one of a cleaner, disinfectant, or fragrance.

20. A non toxic, flushable shield for a plunger to keep the plunger dry and clean during use comprising:

a layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a film soluble in cold water to form a cover;

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the cover being shaped to receive a plunger;

wherein the cover provides a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, slides off after use, and breaks down in water.

21. A non toxic, flushable cover for a plunger comprising:

a layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a transparent polyvinyl alcohol film to form a tubular cover with an open top end and a concave bottom end;

the flushable paper material and the film being chosen to provide a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, to slide off after use, and to break down in water after a preselected time.